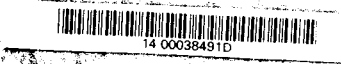


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, AIR FORCE BALLISTIC MISSILE DIVISION, AND
THE SECRETARY, ARPA

SUBJECT: Status Report on DISCOVERY, SENTRY, and MIDAS Programs

Your program status report for the month ending January 31, 1979, concerning the DISCOVERY, SENTRY, and MIDAS Programs, refers to difficulties in program stability and funding, in paragraph 5 thereof. Without reviewing here all the correspondence, telegrams, and deadlines established by ARPA, I should like the record to be clear that changes in program direction were made several months ago and were a result of the Department of Defense evaluating and changing its original objectives of the program.

The most recent RFP development and Funding Plans to meet these objectives were dated January 30, 1979, but were in fact received in ARPA on February 12. When the original objectives were revised in December, it was not expected to take this long to obtain a development program. We shall review the RFP development, approved in the next few days.

Concerning the funding, \$100 million was made available in December 23 cut of a total program of \$1.5 billion. This is \$100 million less than for the year. I do not know if this is called for on a month-to-month basis.

Since September, the Department of the Air Force has received development reports for DISCOVERY, SENTRY, and MIDAS. These reports have been made available.

W. W. JENSEN
Director

cc: Secretary of the Air Force
Commander, AFM

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